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TAGS: PARM, TECH, IAEA, MX

SUBJECT: MEXICAN RESEARCH REACTOR PROJECT

REF: IAEA VIENNA 8463

1. DR. C. H. WANG, OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY (OSU), SENT
ERDA COPY OF NOVEMBER 4 LETTER TO HIM FROM CARLOS VELEZ
OCON, NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MEXICAN NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENER
ENERGY INSTITUTE (INEN), IN RESPONSE TO WANG'S LETTER
INQUIRING ABOUT MEXICAN WITHDRAWAL OF SUBJECT PROJECT
FROM PROPOSED CONSIDERATION AT SEPTEMBER MEETING OF IAEA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

2. IN LETTER, OCON EXPRESSES REGRET THAT "THERE WAS A
MISUNDERSTANDING" RE OSU GIFT OFFER; EXPLAINS THAT INEN
AND OTHER MEXICAN AUTHORITIES INVOLVED, "DUE TO CIRCUM-
STANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL," DID NOT HAVE TIME TO COMPLETE
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STUDY OF IAEA'S DRAFT PROJECT AGREEMENT BEFORE BG

MEETING IN RIO; AND INDICATES THAT MEXICO'S REQUEST TO IAEA WAS TO LEAVE MATTER FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING, IN ORDER TO REVIEW IN DEPTH THE DRAFT PROJECT AGREEMENT. OCON ASSURES WANG THAT BOTH POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND INEN ARE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN CARRYING MATTER TO COMPLETION.

3. IN VIEW OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, STUDY AND REVISION OF DRAFT AGREEMENT IN LIGHT OF PERTINENT U.S. POLICIES HAS BEEN RESUMED. ASSUMING SATISFACTORY TEXT CAN BE DEVELOPED AND AGREED ON, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER AGENCY WISHES TO PROPOSE EARLY DECISION ON INCLUSION OF SNM IN REACTOR FUEL AS PART OF U.S. GIFT TO IAEA IN 1977.

4. MISSION REQUESTED ADVISE IAEA (AND, AT MISSION DISCRETION, MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVE) OF OSU RECEIPT OF OCON LETTER AND FACT THAT AS CONSEQUENCE U.S. IS RESUMING STUDY OF DRAFT AGREEMENT.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM OCON THAT WANG HAS ADVISED ERDA REGARDING HIS LETTER AND THAT U.S., THEREFORE, IS RESUMING STUDY OF DRAFT AGREEMENT PREPARED BY IAEA.

6. COPIES OF OCON LETTER BEING AIRPOUCHED ADDRESSEES. ROBINSON

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